

The FCC ought not attempt to interfere with New Jersey's Telephone Consumer Protection Act. If the FCC wishes to other or more stringent regulations of telemarketing, within its charter, then I would not object. But FCC regulations should not in any way diminish regulations by states and localities to regulate telemarketing to persons within their jurisdiction. More importantly, the New Jersey statute is a voluntary program, by which its residents actively choose to have their numbers blocked to telemarketers. A reversal of that law effectively gives telemarketers the right to force New Jersey residents to receive calls against their will. Surely Americans should have the right to secure the privacy of their own phone lines against solicitation.